IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. -13. (Cancelled)

14. (NEW) A supporting member for limb stumps, namely a liner, comprising:

a sleeve member further comprising at least an elastomeric material;

said elastomeric material being elastic and electrically insulating;

said sleeve member defining a cavity for receiving a distal end of a

stump;

portions of said elastomeric material bounding said cavity for receiving said stump;

said sleeve member further comprising a surrounding layer; and said surrounding layer composed of a conductive material.